Town of Brentwood Budget Committee Hearing

Minutes of September 13, 2010

Present: Elyse Seeley (Chair), Bill Faria, Ken Christiansen, Tracie May, Jeff Bryan (Selectmen's Rep), and Malcolm Allison

Absent: Charlie Gargaly (representing the Swasey School Board) and Bob Mantegari

Chairperson Elyse Seeley called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm following a 6:30 PM tour of the new Fire Dept building site hosted by Jeff Bryan, chief Kevin Lemoine and deputy Joe Bird.

WELCOME

1. Correspondence and communications to committee – passed out flyers in mailbox and State Revenue dept workshops. Malcolm and Tracie interested in attending on 9/21. Julie Stevens has invited all to Dept Head meeting Tuesday 9/21 at 7:30 PM. Elyse will attend.

OLD BUSINESS

- 2. February 8th 2010 Meeting Minutes need to be approved. Tracie will distribute them by email to committee members.
- 3. February 8th 2010 Public Hearing minutes. Ken made a motion to accept the minutes, Jeff seconded, and approved unanimously.

RE: Meeting minutes. Going fwd these will be available to the committee and Julie Stevens in DRAFT form w/i 48 hours of meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- 4. Election of Chair and officers (Secretary/Treasurer)
 - Ken/Bill recommended and second Elyse for Chair. Accepted nomination and approved unanimously
 - Bill/Ken recommended and second Tracie for Secretary/Treasurer. Accepted nomination and approved unanimously.
 - Jeff to continue as Selectman's representative
 - Charlie to continue as School Board representative

5. Updates

- a. From Bd of Selectmen (Jeff)
 - i. Review of Fire House budget. 2 grants have been received for the project: a \$26,000 grant to buy a generator and a Homeland

Security Grant for \$24,495. There have been 7 change orders since the project began, but the project is meeting cost estimates.

- b. From School Board (Charlie)
 - i. Not available
- c. From ERCSD Coop Board (Elyse)
 - 2 teacher contracts are up for negotiation this year: the Exeter Regional Co-op teacher contract for CMS and EHS teachers, and the local Swasey School teacher's contract
- 6. 2010 Meeting Schedule
 - a. Meetings are at 7 pm at the Town Offices unless otherwise noted. The public and Town Dept. heads are welcome at all meetings.
 - i. October 6th
 - ii. November 1st and 15th
 - iii. December 6th. Pending the School Committee's meeting schedule, a second Dec. BudComm meeting will be held.
- 7. Other from floor/public input
 - a. Town property assessments are moving along; home values are down; tax rates will be changed to reflect budget needs

Jeff/Malcolm made the motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm without further questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracie Milton May, secretary